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important bills and they should have been made priority bills but they weren't. My committee, we have several bills in my committee that are very important, they need to pass this year, they're not going to pass. We have already had one bill up that dealt with some horse racing things that have to pass according to the Racing Commission, but it's probably not going to pass. They'll have to just live without it unless we can find some way to get by the logjam. But here we are taking 14 bills, putting them into one bill that's also a committee priority bill that I think needs to be discussed along with all the others and not jump through to try to get priority status for all those other bills. We just took one bill and put in there. We have some amendments that we worked out with the horsemen and, you know, just trying to get that worked out with the horse tracks. But it's not something that's going to be that many different subjects and that many different things that have to happen, and Senator Chambers has a problem with that. So I can see why he has a problem with this like many of us do because it's an issue that the more we get into it the more we're going to find out that we don't like it. I think we found that out last year. I had a lot of concern with LB 1228. I didn't like it. That's another bill that is the state trying to tell everybody how they're going to run everything with education. And all these bills are designed to we're going to just take it, you'll like it, believe us. Well, I think we found out last year that we don't like some of the things that happened and we just need to try to work things out and discuss things farther, try to go through every issue, each part of every bill and we'll probably get there eventually. But I think the committee, Education Committee, needs to get the message that they are doing something here that nobody else has been able to do this year. And it's probably not a good precedent to get started down that road. Just because we don't have any consent calendar, some of these bills might have been on there because they're probably just technical. But there are some major bills also in this committee amendment that need to be discussed separately. So I think as we go on farther and farther and farther into all of the issues that we need to step back, take a look at this amendment that we just got on our desk this morning to see what's actually in it. We've heard a lot of comments back in the lobby about why we have to have this, we have to have this. Well, there's a lot of bills here that have to have this year,